



# Egremont News

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## SCHOOL SEASON IS UPON US - PLEASE BE AWARE OF STUDENTS WAITING FOR AND GETTING ON BUSES.

### School House:



The repairs to the foundation at the School House are completed. Due to some minor issues inside the building, the opening of the classroom has been delayed until those issues can be corrected. The new foundation and the stairs at the entry ways are beautiful.

As well as the pre-K and Kindergarten program at the school house, an after school program has been set up by some wonderful, volunteer parents of Egremont.

Work will continue on getting the grounds at the school house finished and on repairing/replacing the fence.

### ECO-TIP

To make your property less tick-friendly, get rid of invasive Japanese barberry.

### Affordable Housing:

At the August 27<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting the authorization to move forward with a housing project passed, while the funding mechanism failed under a 2/3rd ballot count.

That essentially means that the Town can move forward with an affordable housing project but has no funds to do so. The Selectmen will hold a joint meeting with the Housing Committee and Construct to discuss options to move forward on this very important issue.

### French Park:

The Town is very thankful to two donors who will be funding major improvements to the Park.

One donor is constructing, working with the non-profit French Park Fund, professional tennis courts. Demolition of the new courts will take place beginning the first week of September. The courts will be finished in the spring of 2019.

Another donor has given funds to extend, improve, and maintain the trail system in the park. There are currently approximately 3 miles of trails with three bridge crossings. All trails are color coded. Maps of trail system can be found at the park in the kiosk at the entrance to the main trail.

The French Park Fund is currently raising money for a Pickle Ball court.

The town is very grateful to the French Park Fund Board members for their recognition of this jewel of Egremont's and their help in expanding, upgrading and maintaining its offerings.

The Egremont Community Gardens are fully operational with a new and beautiful fence, garden shed and water source, thanks to the generous support of donations from Egremont Citizens. Our water tank is hooked up to a gutter on the shed with a pipe that catches the rainwater and runs it into the tank. The wet summer has contributed to the health of the plants and has been helpful to Tom Reynolds and his team because they haven't had to fill the water tank as often as

expected. Families have harvested lots of lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash. There are some autumn squash and pumpkins planted so we're looking forward to new harvests. If you haven't visited the gardens, please do. They're located off Baldwin Hill Road N/S just to the right of the tennis courts in French Park.



### Board of Health Tip #1:

Never, *ever* wash brushes, rollers or other painting supplies in a sink connected to your septic system as the paint can seal the small openings in the pipes your leach field. Take these materials outside and wash off with a hose.

### Board of Assessors:

Tax abatement applications for property used as forest, agricultural/horticultural, or recreational land must be in by October first to have your 2019 Tax Bill correct.

If you have any questions please contact the Assessors' office at 528-0182, Ext. 14. Our Town Hall office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You may also email us at [assessors@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:assessors@egremont-ma.gov).

### ECO-TIP

Halloween is in 2 months. Avoid single-use costumes made of shoddy, single-use (usually petroleum-based) material. Use a thrift shop, borrow, or make your own.

### Water Department:

The annual Consumer Confidence Report has been certified and published. You may obtain a copy at Town Hall, or check the Town's website ([http://www.egremont-ma.gov/2017\\_ccr.pdf](http://www.egremont-ma.gov/2017_ccr.pdf)) for the report.

Please let the Department know if you are going to be filling your pool or irrigating your landscaping! The recorder at the water plant shows an increase but we cannot tell if it is a leak or pool use or

irrigation. A quick call will help us with our reporting to the state. Thank you!

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

**Toilet Leaks** are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH!** Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then there is a leak and repairs need to be made.

**Faucet Leaks** are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, is usually caused by bad washers or seats which may need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

### Contaminating items found in the recycling bin:

Plastic ball-point pens (sent to trash)  
Single-use plastic shavers (sent to trash)  
Straws (Say NO to straws!) (sent to trash)  
Plastic-type mailing envelopes (sent to trash) and packing "pillows" (Formel's will reuse)

### Technology Committee:

Charter cable TV licensing process continues. On July 10 Charter and the Town reached verbal agreement on remaining issues with the cable TV license. Since that time, the Town has been waiting for Charter's final document reflecting these agreements. The Town has prodded Charter to move the process along, but because of Charter's delay, the Town had to request—and has been granted—a fourth extension of the MA Department of Telecommunications regulatory negotiation deadline, to September 18. If we still have not received the final document by that time, the Select Board will consider its options with respect to further dealings with Charter.

Alford lends a hand. Meanwhile, one positive development is that the Town of Alford has agreed to provide access for Whites Hill Road residents who live in Egremont but whose properties are accessible only through Alford. Depending on Charter's ultimate coverage area—we still don't know which properties may be excluded under Charter's "96% coverage" commitment—Alford may be able to help with other properties close to their border.

### **BOH Tip #2:**

If you have a filter on your septic tank, did you know you should clean every year or so? Over time your filter becomes clogged and that nasty waste water can back up into your home. YUK!

### **Emergency Management:**

Please make sure you have a house number sign posted at the end of your driveway! Town Bylaws require this; if you need a new sign, they are available for purchase from Town Hall through the Fire Department. If you have a shared driveway, please make sure responders can locate your home!

In preparation for hurricane season, colder weather and winter storms, we would like to remind you to be prepared for heavy rain, gusty winds and power outages. Check those flashlight batteries!

The Town's Emergency Alert System can send email or text messages to you. It can also call your cell phone or VOIP type telephone (through your internet connection if you have that service).

However!!! You must register those means of contact with the Town; the system only has access to regular listed landline telephone numbers; it cannot detect unlisted numbers. It also cannot get VOIP or cell phone numbers, nor can it determine email addresses. Those must be manually entered.

If you would like to change or add your information in the system, please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses.

If you have any questions about the alert system, please send an email or call and we will be happy to answer them.

Email: [wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov) Phone: 413 528-0182 ext 17

### **ECO-TIP**

Matrushka carries very pretty paper straws for kids. Carry about 10 in a toothbrush-travel case to have handy when you eat out.

### **Fire Department:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Call #</b>
<b>/Location</b>		<b>/Type</b>
6/28/2018	7:00 AM	94
Hill Top Rd.		Medical
6/28/2018	10:46 AM	95
Main St.		Medical
6/30/2018	9:20 AM	96
Creamery Rd.		Medical
6/30/2018	4:20 PM	97
Bash Bish Mt. Washington		Medical
Race Brook Campground		98
Sheffield Mutual aid		Rescue
7/1/2018	6:47 PM	99
Mt. Washington Rd.		False Alarm
7/1/2018	7:30 PM	100
Bash Bish Mt. Washington		Medical
7/2/2018	9:30 AM	101
Jug End Rd.		Medical
7/2/2018	3:48 PM	102
Sheffield Rd.		Tree on wires
7/5/2018	9:42 AM	103
East St. Mt Washington		False Alarm
7/9/2018	9:36 AM	104
Button Ball Ln.		False Alarm
7/9/2018	1:20 PM	105
East St. Mt. Washington		Medical
7/13/2018	1:43 PM	106
Whites Hill Rd.		Odor of Gas
7/18/2018	10:50 AM	107
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
7/18/2018	7:17 PM	108
East St. Mt. Washington		False Alarm
7/20/2018	4:41 PM	109
Fisher Ln.		Medical
7/21/2018	12:08 PM	110
Under Mountain Rd.		Medical
7/22/2018	4:34 Am	111
Under Mountain Rd.		Medical
7/23/2018	10:11 AM	112
Hillsdale Rd.		False Alarm
7/25/2018	3:26 PM	113

East St. Mt. Washington	Medical
7/26/2018 7:02 AM	114
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
7/27/2018 6:52 PM	115
Undermountain Rd.	False Alarm
7/28/2018 1:02 AM	116
Jug End Rd.	MVA/WPI
7/28/2018 9:20 AM	117
Main St.	False Alarm
8/1/2018 2:18 AM	118
Undermountain Rd.	Medical
8/1/2018 4:51 PM	119
Egremont Plain Rd.	False Alarm
8/1/2018 9:58 PM	120
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
8/2/2018 9:52 AM	121
Bott Hill Rd,	False Alarm
8/2/2018 2:10 PM	122
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
8/3/2018 12:22 PM	123
Lake Side Dr.	Service Call
8/3/2018 5:55 PM	124
Rt #71 At Alford Town Line	Wires Down
8/5/2018 9:13 AM	125
East St. Mt. Washington	Medical
8/6/2018 10:52 AM	126
Creamery Rd.	Medical
8/7/2018 4:54 PM	127
East St. Mt. Washington	False Alarm
8/12/2018 6:22 PM	128
Sheffield Rd.	False alarm
8/13/2018 4:41 AM	129
Phillips Rd.	Medical
8/14/2018 11:06 AM	130
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
8/16/2018 3:59 PM	131
Baldwin Hill N/S	Medical
8/16/2018 10:35 PM	132
Prospect Lake Rd.	Medical
8/18/2018 3:26 PM	133
Baldwin Hill N/S	False Alarm
8/24/2018 10:45 AM	134
Blunt Rd.	Medical
8/24/2018 11:16 AM	135
East St. Mt. Washington	False Alarm

### Council on Aging:

Summer is quickly coming to a close and your COA has some exciting fall activities planned. Our first luncheon of the season will be on Wed., Oct. 3. This will be our annual birthday celebration. This year we will be honoring ALL our octogenarians. So if you are turning 90 this year or have already reached this milestone please join us. EVERYONE is invited to help us celebrate our eldest seniors!

On Wed., Nov. 7 Egremont's own "Roger the Jester" will be bring his special talents to our luncheon. Wed., Dec 5<sup>th</sup> will feature David Bosco, a self proclaimed history buff and college professor (and soon to be Egremont resident). David plans to share his extensive knowledge of Pearl Harbor with us. Also in December we will have our annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 9. "Sandy & Sandy", the dynamic duo from Mt Washington, will again entertain us with their lively and unique musical style. (Time to be announced) All luncheon and Sunday events take place at the Egremont Village Inn at 12:00 (unless otherwise noted). For the lunches a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. We appreciate your letting us know if you plan to attend our events. To respond please call Will at the Town hall at 528-0182 x17

A new cycle of Personal Fitness Classes will start on Sept. 6 and continue on Sept. 13, 20 and Oct. 4, 11, 18. Elaine's sessions stress balance and flexibility with individual attention being given to each participant. The 6 week package costs \$55.00, payable to the Town of Egremont. All sessions are held at the South Egremont Congregational Church. To register, please call Will at the Town Hall at 528-0182 x 17.

We continue to hold monthly Coffee Hours at Mom's Café on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 10:30. Next one will be Sept. 19. Join us (and bring a friend) for some great conversations and laughs.

David Katzenstein, Egremont Fire Department, continues to volunteer to teach CPR Classes. These classes all meet at the North Egremont Fire House. On Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:00 – 12:00 David will teach AHA Heart Saver First Aid Class. This class has a 2 year certificate and costs \$30.00. There are 4 spaces remaining in this class.

On Thursday night, Sept. 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 Family and Friends CPR will be taught. This class is designed for those wishing to learn basic CPR. Cost is

\$10.00.

On Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10:00 – 12:00 David will again teach AHA Family and friends CPR. Cost is \$10.00. Also on Oct 27, from 12:00 – 2:00 David will hold an “Open House” for anyone who has completed any of his classes. This will be a chance for alums to come and practice on the manikins, ask questions, and review procedures. Cost is \$10.00

And, on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10:00 – 12:00, David will hold another AHA Family & Friends CPR. Cost is \$10.00. To register for these classes please call David Katzenstein at 413 441-1569. Space is limited so please call early. David is a personable and very knowledgeable instructor. You never know when the situation may arise where your CPR training can help save a life!

David will also be the speaker at our Wed., Jan 9 at 12:00 luncheon at the EVI. David’s topics will include Basic First Aid, when to call the ambulance and what to do until the ambulance arrives among others.

Liz Jaffe has offered to teach additional iPad/iPhone Classes. They will be held on Wed., Aug. 29 and Oct. 3 and 10 from 11:00 – 12:30 at the Town Hall. Cost is \$6.00 per class. Class subject will be driven by participants questions and concerns. Liz will again tell us how to put our pictures into albums, store them and how to share them on social media. To register please call Will at the Town Hall at 528-0182 x 17

Even though Fall is a beautiful season in the Berkshires it means the days are getting shorter and it’s darker earlier and earlier. Please remember to wear your “Be Seen, Be Safe” vests so you can be seen while walking, running, or biking on Egremont’s scenic roads. Don’t have a vest? They are yours for free at the Town Hall or the Police Department.

Your COA is excited to be offering a program called “Good Morning, Senior” targeting seniors 65 years and older who live alone. Participants will call into a designated number Monday thru Friday between the hour of 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Someone will answer the call. If we don’t hear from you, we will call you. If no answer, the Police will be sent to your home to be sure you are OK. If you haven’t signed up yet you can still do

so by calling 528-0182, x 24.

COA member Carolyn Palmucci offers these tips to help keep you safe in your home:

- \*remove scatter rugs
  - \*buy front loading washer and dryer
  - \*install a seat in the shower; elevated toilet seat with handholds
  - \*make sure all exterior lights are in working condition
  - \*make sure your two step stool has handrails
  - \*buy a reaching grab stick to give you access to items in high cabinets
  - \*make sure halls, doorways and walking spaces are clear of clutter
  - \*if possible remove door sills between rooms
  - \*keep a flashlight and phone by your bedside
- Look for more tips in the next newsletter. If you have hints to share please call 528-0182 x 24.

Please remember, your COA is here to assist you and keep you safe in your home. Please contact us with your concerns, questions, problems, or suggestions. 528-0182 x 24

### Conservation Commission:

For the past several months the Commission has been lucky to have as a member a bright young graduate of George Washington University, Logan Malik. Unfortunately, for us, he’s bright enough to have been awarded a scholarship to the University of Cambridge, England, which means he will be leaving us. In his own words...

*“It is with a bittersweet tone that I announce that I will be taking a year-long leave of absence from the Egremont Conservation Commission starting September 1st. During that time, I will be in England pursuing a Master’s degree in Environmental Policy at the University of Cambridge as a Bender Scholar. After concluding my studies, I hope to return to the Berkshires to work for the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) and Berkshire Community College as an Adjunct Professor.*

*It has been a great pleasure to serve the town of Egremont as a Conservation Commission. I am so grateful to the other Commissioners and town members for welcoming me to the team and supporting me as I have become acquainted with the workings of the Commission and its jurisdiction. I look very forward to re-joining the Commission next year.”*

If anyone is interested in joining the Commission, particularly any young person, I highly recommend that they apply. The ConCom is a great group of people who do very necessary work to protect our beloved wetlands.”

With Logan’s departure, the Commission is down to its minimum quorum number of three. In view of this, planned vacations and the upcoming late fall and early winter holidays, we are adjusting our meeting schedule to better ensure we have quorums. Beginning in October we will meet once a month through December (10/11, 11/15, 12/13). In January we’ll meet three times (1/3, 1/17, 1/31) and then resume our regular schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.

### **BOH Tip #3:**

All the rain this summer has made the perfect hatching environment for mosquitoes. Remove standing water on your property which can collect in wheelbarrows, plastic containers and gutters. Protect yourself from getting bitten by using bug spray when outdoors, cover exposed skin with clothing and avoid outdoor time from dusk to dawn.

### **Police Department:**

The men and women of the Egremont Police Department would first like to say thank you to the entire Town for the continued support of their Police Department. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of August we took receipt of our new cruiser that had been approved by voters earlier in the year. This new vehicle is essential to keeping officers safe in their daily patrols, and increases our capabilities while responding to emergencies throughout the town in areas which at times are not easily accessible.

We have seen some changes in August due to resignations. Probationary part-time Officer Decker resigned in August during the field training program. We wish Officer Decker the best in the future. We have also lost Officer Kemp who has served the community and this department with distinction for the past six years. Officer Kemp has been offered and accepted a position with the nearby Town of Stockbridge as a Patrol Officer and will be starting them in September. We would like to thank Officer Kemp for his years of service to the community, and wish him nothing but the best as he

continues to advance his career.

We have added a new face to the force that will be an asset to the Town, and should be a good fit for the community. Officer Parkington was added to our roster as a Probationary Part-time Officer as of August. Officer Parkington has been working as a part-time officer with the Town of Becket since 2017 and comes with high praise from Chief McDonough. Please give Officer Parkington a wave or say hello when you see him out there and welcome him to the community. Please remember we are here for you, and will be there when needed.

### **Planning Board:**

The Planning Board is excited to report that we have received a 36% response to the Citizens' Questionnaire we mailed in early July. In reviewing the results, we are most grateful for the amount of time each of you put into your responses. There is a great deal of food for thought as we analyze the information and we look forward to sharing the results with you and our approaches to your recommendations and concerns. Thank you all very much for your input.

We have decided to extend the Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana until June, 2019 to give us time to look at the other towns' bylaws now that they have been approved by the Attorney General and are being acted on as a start for creating our own Recreational Marijuana bylaw.

All citizens and second home owners are invited to attend the Planning Board meetings. Our meetings encourage citizen comment and participation on agenda topics. The time and dates of these meetings are posted on the Town website, Town Hall and in the Post Office.

### **ECO-TIP**

Clean the dust from condenser coils of refrigerators and air conditioners. When they have dirty coils, they have to work harder, so they heat up your house. Old appliances cost more to run than new, efficient models, so replace them asap.

### **Egremont Garden Club:**

Members of the Egremont Garden Club gathered Aug. 15 at the Claire Teague Senior Center in Great Barrington for their annual arrangement of flowers in



"mugs of cheer" for delivery to recipients of Meals on Wheels.



(Photo credit: Corinna Barnard.)

The Egremont Garden Club holds a fundraising event:

The aesthetics and elements of the Japanese tea garden will be the subject of a lecture, accompanied by slides, at the Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge on Sunday, September 16 at 2pm. Bettina Mueller, the presenter, is a longtime student of the Japanese tea tradition and has authored a award-winning book about the essentials of the tea garden. Her presentation will include an "in one breath" demonstration of a teahouse flower arrangement. Questions from the audience will be welcomed at the end of her talk. Refreshments and book signing to follow. The Egremont Garden Club is hosting the event as our annual fundraiser for a college scholarship that is given to a local high school student who is going to major in agriculture, horticulture or culinary arts. Tickets are \$25 and include admission to the Berkshire Botanical Garden, which is currently featuring plant lithographs by Ellsworth Kelly in the new art gallery and contemporary sculptures on the grounds. Tickets may be purchased at Kenver, Berkshire Botanical Garden and at the door, subject to availability. The "Annual Egremont Garden Club Scholarship Tea" featuring a lecture on "Japanese Tea Garden Design and Traditions" presented by award winning author Bettina Mueller. Reception & Book signing to follow.

Date: Sunday, September 16, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM

Address: Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road-

Route 102, Stockbridge, MA 01262

Cost/Contribution: \$25. Tickets can be purchased at Kenver, Berkshire Botanical Garden and at the door,

subject to availability. All proceeds fund a College Scholarship for a local high school student.

### Emergency Preparedness:

Fairview Hospital

Emergency Preparedness Month

September 2018

Below is also the announcement of several Emergency Preparedness workshops being hosted in September by Fairview Hospital and partners, including:

1. **You are the Help Until Help Arrives**
2. **Southern Berkshire CARES Visits**
3. **Stop the Bleed You are the help until help arrives**

**Tuesday September 4th 9:00 AM—12:00 PM, GFCR**

**Tuesday September 18th 9:30 AM—12:30 PM, GFCR**

Life-threatening emergencies can happen fast. Emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. You Are the Help Until Help Arrives. This class was developed in coordination with Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual and Community Preparedness Division in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and its Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). This class will cover topics such as calling 9-1-1, keeping yourself safe, how to stop bleeding, and how to provide comfort. Participants will be given a link to obtain a certificate of attendance.

### Southern Berkshire CARES Visits

Sunday September 23th 10:00 AM, Fairview Hospital and Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance  
Saturday September 29th 10:00 AM, Gt Barrington Police Station and Gt Barrington Fire Station  
Southern Berkshire CARE (community, advocates and resources for everyone) is a group of local parents and care givers who facilitate positive, safe, and social environments for all children and young adults with special needs while connecting and supporting families in groups and within the community. Through our outreach and connections with other first responders we have arranged special visits for these children at the ER, the ambulance garage, the fire department and the police department. If you have or care for a child with special needs you are welcome to join us.

### Stop the Bleed

Thursday September 20th, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM,  
Ground Floor Conference Room, All invited  
Saturday September 22nd, 2:00 PM—4:00 PM,  
Ground Floor Conference Room, All invited  
Saturday September 29th, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM,  
GFCR, Healthcare workers and first responders only  
Massive bleeding from any cause, but particularly  
from an active shooter or explosive event where a  
response is delayed can result in death. Similar to  
how the general public learns and performs CPR, the  
public must learn proper bleeding control techniques,  
including how to use their hands, dressings, and  
tourniquets. Victims can quickly die from  
uncontrolled bleeding, within five to 10 minutes.  
However, anyone at the scene can act as immediate  
responder and save lives if they know what to do.  
This class will include discussion and hands on  
education to teach how to “Stop the Bleed”.

**All of these events require pre-registration.**

To pre-register please contact Heather Barbieri at  
(413) 854-9656 or at [hbarbieri@bhs1.org](mailto:hbarbieri@bhs1.org)

**ECO-TIP**

Looking for still another way to avoid  
plastic? Big Y carries biodegradable (silk) dental  
floss.

**Berkshire Botanical Garden’s Harvest Festival  
Slated for October 6-7**

Stockbridge, Mass . . .Berkshire Botanical  
Garden’s annual Harvest Festival, an iconic  
Berkshire event now in its 84th year, is scheduled for  
Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
at the Garden located at 5 West Stockbridge Road,  
(intersection of Routes 102 and 183), Stockbridge,  
MA.

The Harvest Festival has earned a reputation  
for being a quintessential family event celebrating the  
autumn harvest, where the 15-acre Garden is  
transformed into a vibrant hub featuring continuous  
entertainment, children’s games, more than 100  
regional artisan food and craft vendors, and drop-in  
workshops on topics relating to gardening, traditions  
of the harvest, and farm to table activities. Tag sales  
featuring jewelry and accessories, repurposed, gently  
used household items and clothing, an expanded  
plant and bulb sale, hay maze and rides, pony rides,  
and a haunted house are among the annual activities

that have become favorites over the years.

Admission to Harvest Festival is \$7 for adults,  
and children under 12 are admitted free. There is no  
charge for parking in the Garden’s lots.



*(Gianna and Chris Murphy enjoy the haunted house at  
the Berkshire Botanical Garden’s Harvest Festival)*

***Need help with your Medicare plan comparisons for  
open enrollment?***

It’s that time of year again! If you are enrolled in  
a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare  
Advantage Plan (HMO/ PPO), expect an information  
packet from your plan by the end of September. It is  
important to **understand** and **save** this information: it  
explains the changes in your plan for 2019. Premiums,  
deductibles, co-pays, and the drugs covered by your plan  
can change significantly!

During Medicare Open Enrollment, you can  
adjust your plan for next year. SHINE Counselors help  
you understand *your* plan changes as well as *other  
options* you may have. Call now to discuss your  
insurance questions, schedule your SHINE phone or face-  
to-face appointment, or learn about group meetings  
during the Open Enrollment from **October 15 through  
December 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**REMINDER: Be on the alert for your new Medicare  
card in the mail and  
as always, bring your card and drug list to your  
appointment!**

You can call your local Council on Aging or call **1-800-  
AGE-INFO** (1-800-243-4636), **then press or say 3.** If  
you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name  
and number. A volunteer will call you back, as soon as  
possible.

**Salisbury Bank Community Day:**

**Saturday, September 8  
9:00 a.m. - Noon at our  
Great Barrington Branch.**



Identity theft continues to be a concern for individuals and businesses. Shredding documents with personal information has become an important step in protecting yourself against this concern. Join Salisbury Bank for a Community Day, including a Free Shred Event and a Food Drive on Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at our Great Barrington branch located at 210 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation as well. Local pantries are in need of a variety of donations including canned goods, cereals, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, peanut butter, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, and tomato sauce. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, shampoo, and soap are also appreciated.

Salisbury Bank is proud to offer this service as a way of enriching the communities we serve. All shredded paper will be recycled; all food and household items will be donated to the local food pantry.

#### **Meeting schedule:**

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon  
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon &  
by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Wednesday of each month  
at 11am. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall  
Thursday 9am to 12noon.

Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon.  
Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday  
evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.  
Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth  
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other  
times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &  
Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting  
dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm

Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm  
or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,  
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm

Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

*To reach a board member or to leave a message please  
call the Town Hall 528-0182.*

#### **Business listings:**

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -  
camping, swimming

413-528-4158 [prospectlk@aol.com](mailto:prospectlk@aol.com)

[www.prospectlakepark.com](http://www.prospectlakepark.com)

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the  
beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

[www.innsweetwater.com](http://www.innsweetwater.com)

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-  
Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

[www.swisshutte.com](http://www.swisshutte.com)

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

[robinschaircaning@gmail.com](mailto:robinschaircaning@gmail.com)

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing  
413-528-3230

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.  
413-528-0112  
[www.41mainantiques.com](http://www.41mainantiques.com)

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding Lessons, summer programs  
[www.bluerider.org](http://www.bluerider.org)  
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos - Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs  
413-528-2367 [arabpinto13@yahoo.com](mailto:arabpinto13@yahoo.com)

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets  
413-528-8301  
[www.indianlinefarm.com](http://www.indianlinefarm.com)

Ivory Pond Farm - Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies. Tom & Liz Marino  
413-528-9465  
[www.lizmarinorughooking.com](http://www.lizmarinorughooking.com)  
[Llamama@wildblue.net](mailto:Llamama@wildblue.net)

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.  
Syrup and Honey  
413-528-5710

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1257 Sheffield – Egremont Road  
413 528-2308

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Great Barrington MA 01230  
413-528-2308

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[www.CosmicResonance.com](http://www.CosmicResonance.com)

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor  
44 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-9654  
[healingspiritdc@yahoo.com](mailto:healingspiritdc@yahoo.com)

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46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-1594 [www.zorncorefitness.com](http://www.zorncorefitness.com)

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413-528-9633

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413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail wood veneer sales  
413-644-9696

Steve Agar - driving services  
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413-717-1607

Lord St. Pierre - General Contractor  
Home renovations, maintenance and monitoring  
413-522-3671  
[llstpierre@yahoo.com](mailto:llstpierre@yahoo.com)

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413-446-1982

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413-528-0102 413-717-2443

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413-854-7417 [bonbonz75@yahoo.com](mailto:bonbonz75@yahoo.com)

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413-281-6384m 413-528-4211o

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William Pitt Sotheby's  
413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920  
[anitaschilling@gmail.com](mailto:anitaschilling@gmail.com)

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel &  
Accessories  
39 Main Street  
413-528-2330 [www.kenverltd.com](http://www.kenverltd.com)

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger  
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall  
PC repairs - Networking - Internet  
413-854-8660  
[Matthew.wall@yahoo.com](mailto:Matthew.wall@yahoo.com)

Dellea.biz Computer Services - Arthur Dellea

<http://www.dellea.biz>  
413-528-1141

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nature. Eric F. Ives  
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent  
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413-528-9813 413-250-5094

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop and  
quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont  
413-528-0445 [www.brooksidequiltworks.com](http://www.brooksidequiltworks.com)

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413-644-0229 [susandelmolino@yahoo.com](mailto:susandelmolino@yahoo.com)

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413-528-3040

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**Historical Commission:**

On Saturday, August 25, 2018, the Commission had the great pleasure to offer cake and lemonade to the Town on the lawns of the newly refurbished Egremont Village School. Much has been said, and pictures posted on the Town's various media outlets of the event.

We would like to make sure that the Town's record includes this wonderful prayer composed and delivered by our longtime resident and good friend, The Rev. Edward (Ted) Cobden to open the celebration of the Town of Egremont's 243rd birthday and the completion of the new foundation of Egremont's Village School.

*"Gracious God, the mother of all communities, you have nourished this community - the Village of Egremont - for 243 years.*

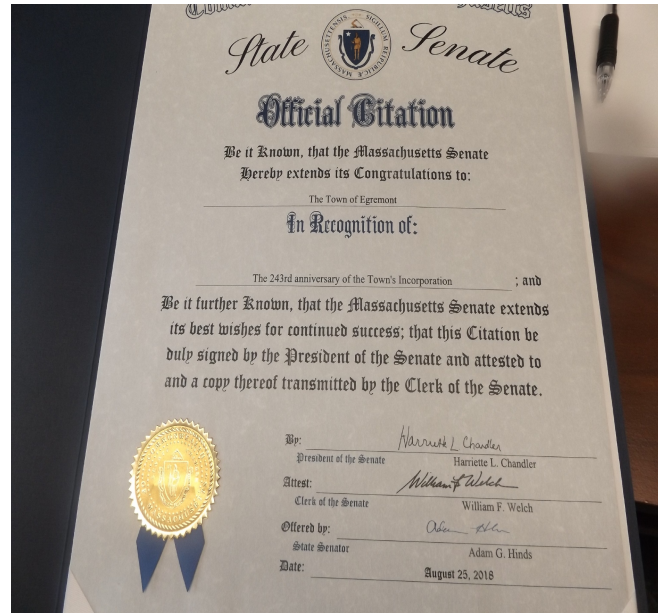
*In good times and challenging times, you have inspired us to support and build our institutions.*

*We give special thanks today for the willingness of our town members to restore our village school. We are very excited that the mission of this school can carry on!*

*We ask your blessing holy and gracious God on this school to make it a center for sound learning, new discovery, and caring friendships.*

*Grant that those who teach and those who learn will find you to be a source of truth and love.*

*We offer this prayer in our confidence in your Holy Name. Amen."*



(State Senate Citation issued to Town on August 25, 2018 in celebration of the Town's 243<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. Photo courtesy of Mary Brazie.)



*(Lightning strike on Baldwin Hill near the Elm Tree.  
Photo courtesy of Hans Carlson)*



*(Frequent visitors to Town Hall.  
Photo Courtesy of Sue Funk.)*

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